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**Helping CHILDREN find  
"a place to call HOME"**

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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**MORE THAN 150 CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE WILL BE ADOPTED ON  
MASSACHUSETTS SECOND NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY**

As part of National Adoption Month in November, five cities in Massachusetts are joining courts across the country to celebrate National Adoption Day. The purpose of this day is to legalize more than 3,100 adoptions of children from foster care nationwide and to celebrate all families that adopt.

Massachusetts will be celebrating its Second Annual National Adoption Day on Friday, November 19, 2004 in the five cities listed below. Judges will open their courts to legalize the adoptions of more than 150 children currently in the Massachusetts foster care system.

- **Boston**, *Edward W. Brooke Courthouse*
- **Brockton**, *Brockton Trial Court*
- **Northampton**, *Hampshire County Superior Court*
- **Salem**, *Essex County Juvenile Court*
- **Springfield**, *Hampden County Juvenile Court*

Some families finalizing adoptions on this day will be available to talk with reporters before, during and after this event. Reporters and cameras will be allowed in some courtrooms after a morning press event to follow families through the adoption legalization process. Please contact Corina Hopkins (above) if you will be attending this event, want to talk with a family or have any questions. *The press can provide a public service to waiting children in November by covering adoption-related events and featuring stories about foster care adoption.*

The Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE), the Massachusetts Department of Social Services, the Juvenile Court Department of the Massachusetts Trial Court, the Probate and Family Court Department of the Massachusetts Trial Court, local adoption agencies and the courts have organized this special day to celebrate the joys of adoption and encourage more families and individuals to give children permanent families through adoption.